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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ronald W. MINK et al.

Application No.: 09/973,956

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: DEVICE FOR COLLECTION AND
ASSAY OF ORAL FLUIDS

) Confirmation No. 7403
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) Group Art Unit: 1723
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) Examiner: D. SORKIN
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment responding to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - ☐ Notice of Recordation of Merger of Epitope, Inc. with and into OraSure Technologies, Inc.
 - ☐ Drawings: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (Correction)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
 - ☐ Citations
 - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	[Fee for Small Entity]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 725.00

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Extension of time fee due with this request: \$55.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

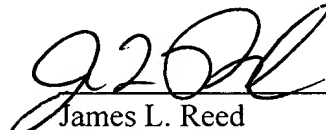
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	12	minus	49	0	x \$18 each=	+ \$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	2	minus	4	0	x \$84 each=	+ \$0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$280.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$_____ for _____. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension of time fee or additional fee for claims due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-310 the total of \$55.00 for one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, the period for response to which extends through January 27, 2003 as January 26, 2003 is a Sunday by the request for one-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/292,293, filed April 15, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,303,081.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 50-56 as follows:

50. (Amended) A device for collecting and assay of fluids, comprising:
a housing having a fluid receiving end and an assay portion;

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